

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: 31942838RL303421562.jpg

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 802188

Medium: Computer Image File

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 21 April 2009

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file promotes and supports bestiality and is deemed to be objectionable.

The image depicts a woman engaged in an act of bestiality. The material has no other purpose than the sexual titillation and arousal of viewers. The depiction of sexual conduct with an animal breaks down the taboos that surround such acts and encourages experimentation by making bestiality seem both possible and desirable.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's clear intention in s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. The classification is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support bestiality.